Extension of the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme.

56. ✱ MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedunangad*) : With reference to the Trivandrum Water Works, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it was originally proposed to extend the Water Works Scheme and supply water to every part of the Trivandrum town ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any modifications were made to the original scheme, and, if so, what are they and for what reasons

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer has received any representation from the inhabitants of Pattom for the extension of the Water Works Scheme to Pattom, and, if so, what action has been taken on the representation and

(*d*) whether they are aware that water fails in the wells of Pattom during the summer season ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes. The work has been divided into two stages, and the first stage has been taken up for execution.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes. The matter is under consideration.

(*d*) The information is noted.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI May I know from the Chief Engineer whether any work has been started in the 2nd stage of the scheme ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : The answer furnished says that.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know what the two stages are ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : The distribution scheme for Trivandrum is divided into two parts. The first part is to supply water to the main portion of the town and the second part to supply the remaining area.

Particulars regarding the working of the Trivandrum—Shencotta Railway.

57. ✱MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have ever called for a statement from the South Indian Railway Company of their income and expenses for the past three years with regard to the line between Shencottah and Trivandrum and whether they are in possession of information regarding the following :—

(i) Earnings in passenger traffic ;
(ii) Earnings in goods traffic ;
(iii) Expenses for running the lines ;
(iv) Supervision charges ;
(v) Salary of the staff ; and
(vi) Consumption and, if so, whether they will place on the table a statement regarding the same ; and

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(*b*) whether they will lay on the table a copy of the agreement entered into between them and the South Indian Railway Company?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. The Railway from Tinnevelly to Trivandrum is worked as a single line and the annual statement of accounts sent by the Company to Government gives the information only for the whole line;

(*b*) Government have not made any agreement with the South Indian Railway.

Mr. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member how then is the income of the S. I. R. proportioned between the S. I. R. of the Travancore Section and the Travancore Government?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The working expenses of the Travancore branch of the Railway are calculated on the basis of the proportion which the working expenses bear to the earnings on the whole Railway system of the S. I. R. The working expenses so calculated are deducted from the earnings from the Travancore Railway—by the Travancore Railway, I mean the line from Tinnevelly to Trivandrum—and the net earnings are thus arrived at. From the net earnings the interest charges are deducted and thus the net surplus is got. This surplus is distributed between the Government of India and the Travancore Government on the basis of the mileage from Tinnevelly to Shencotta and from Shencotta to Trivandrum, respectively. If, for example, the distance from Tinnevelly to Shencotta is 50 miles and that from Shencotta to Trivandrum, 100 miles, the net surplus, if there is any, is distributed in the proportion of 1 to 2.

Mr. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): May I know whether the Railway accounts, at any time, have been audited by the Travancore Government?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: There is no provision for the Railway accounts being audited by the Travancore Government.

Mr. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI (*Quilon cum Karunagapalli*): ഇങ്ങിനെ കണക്കുക്കൂട്ടി വരുന്നതു എന്നു മുതൽക്കാണെന്നറിയാമോ?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: ആദ്യം മുതൽക്കു തന്നെ കണക്കുക്കൂട്ടി വരുന്നു.

Mr. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: ഇതു തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു നഷ്ടമോ, ആദായകരമോ?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: രണ്ടും പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല. ചില സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിൽ നഷ്ടമായിരിക്കും. ചില സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിൽ ആദായകരവുമായിരിക്കും.

Mr. A. N. VISVANATHA PILLAI: അധികം സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലും എങ്ങിനെയാണ്?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി നോക്കീട്ടില്ല.

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